

**Abstract.** Peter Abelard, nicknamed *Rhinoceros*, was famous for his ability to irritate more than a few of his colleagues and contemporaries, a fact confirmed by the two councils in which he was condemned. Much has been written about the hostility, envy, and even suspicion of heresy provoked by the *Magister*. However, Abelard had many adhesions; among them, that of a curious character named Berengarius of Poitiers. The *Apologeticus contra beatum Bernardum Claraevallensem abbatem et alios qui condemnaverunt Petrum Abaelardum*, his rapturous chronicle of the Council of Sens, is a relevant testimony to the loyalty and even fanaticism of which Abelard was the object in his time. Thus, I propose here to recover this “other bell” to Abelard’s story, and to assess its relevance to the History of Medieval philosophy.

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